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Sir:

Responsive to the office action of September 13, 2000, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 8, line 4, after "MP52", insert --described in said Japanese patent application--

Page 14, line 7, after "primer", insert ---the sequence No. 2 and No. 3 are those described in the above Nobuhara et al nitride.--

Page 18, lines 16 and 17, cancel "as shown...sequence listing"

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the amendments to the specification and the remarks presented herein.

The specification has been amended to clarify on pages 8 and

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